

[Translation]

**Bank Loans to priority Sector**

357. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has asked each of the banks to achieve the targets fixed for priority sector and to take effective measures to remove the discrepancies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government have conducted any study in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the priority sectors identified by RBI?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) Targets fixed for lending to the priority sector by commercial banks are given below :

(i) Public and private sector banks :-

Total priority sector advances	40 per cent of net bank credit
Total agricultural advances	18 per cent of net bank credit
Advances to weaker sections	10 per cent of net bank credit

(ii) Foreign banks operating in India :-

Total priority sector advances	32 per cent of net bank credit
Advances to Small Scale Industries	10 per cent of net bank credit
Export credit	10 per cent of net bank credit

The performance of banks in lending to priority sector is reviewed periodically through returns received from them.

(d) The segments included in the priority sector are as given below :

(i) Agriculture

(ii) Small Scale Industries

(iii) Small Road and Water Transport Operators

(iv) Retail Trade

(v) Small Business

(vi) Professional and Self-Employed Persons

(vii) State Sponsored Organisations for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

(viii) Education

(ix) Housing

(x) Consumption Loans.

Export Credit forms part of the priority sector only for Foreign Banks operating in India.

[English]

**Loan Application Under P.M.R.Y.**

358. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given on March 1, 1996 to the Unstarred question No. 589 regarding loan applications under P.M.R.Y. and state:

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay and the time by which the information is likely to be collected?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi has reported that private sector banks are not participating and have not been assigned any target under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY). In NCT of Delhi, no application has been forwarded to any private sector bank. Further, State Bank of India (SBI), the Convenor of State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) for the NCT of Delhi has reported that the Director of Industries, NCT of Delhi has advised that private sector banks have not been allotted any target under PMRY scheme in NCT of Delhi. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has also confirmed that private sector banks had not received any application under PMRY in NCT of Delhi.

RBI has reported that the private sector banks in NCT of Delhi are, however, giving loans for purchase of vehicles, commercial or private, and for purchase of modern gadgets and extending overdraft facilities to the small and medium traders, industrialists etc. The details of these private sector banks which extended the said facilities, alongwith the facilities so extended during the last three years (as furnished by RBI), are enclosed as Statement.

(c) Does not arise